

RESOLUTION NO. 13-382

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Hattie Pearl Harris, will be honored with the "Religion Leadership Award" during the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter's 12th Annual Leadership Awards Program held at the Ernest L. Knight Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, June 1, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris is the effervescent First Lady of True Light Church of God In Christ. She and her husband, Dr. Terrell Harris, work untiringly to carry the banner high at True Light. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director of O. L. Meadows School of Ministry at the Huntsville campus. At OLMSOM, she assures professional educational programs and training are provided for the students of ministry, the pastors, missionaries, evangelists, educational directors, and those involved in other areas of Christian service are equipped with the knowledge required to become effective in the field of ministry to which God has called them. Other professional experiences include: Principal, Curriculum Specialist, Federal Programs, classroom teacher with Huntsville City School System, instructor with C.H. Mason Bible College, and classroom teacher with Madison County Schools, New Orleans Parish Schools and Ocean Springs Schools; and,

WHEREAS, she has over thirty-five years of experience working with various ministries. Some of them include: Church Mother, Christian Counselor, Coordinator of Women's Ministries, Coordinator of Women's Conference and Retreat, Christian Church Advisor, President of local and District Pastors, Elders and Ministries Wives' Circle, Adults and Youth Sunday School Teacher, and Director of Education. She is a dedicated participant in many religious activities. Some include: Licensed Evangelist, Church of God In Christ, Instructor at O.L. Meadows School of Ministry, and a Professional Christian Counselor. As the founder of Personal Touch Ministry, she designs ministries to bring healing, deliverance, restoration and hope to young hurting women whose lives have been changed by societal triumphs and challenges; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Harris is actively engaged in many community activities and professional organizations sharing her expertise and talents for the betterment of the community. Additionally, she has received many awards and honors in recognition of contributions to her profession and to the community. She earned the following degrees, diplomas and certifications: Associate of Arts Degree, 1964, Piney Woods Junior College; Bachelor of Science Degree, 1966, Jackson State University; Master of Education Degree, 1982, Alabama A&M University; Diploma in Theology, 1994, C.H. Mason Bible College; Certification in Administration and Supervision, 1998, Alabama A&M University; and the Doctorate of Philosophy, Biblical Counseling, 2004, International Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, this award honors Dr. Hattie Pearl Harris in recognition of her dedication and selfless commitment to the religion profession and to humanity.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Hattie Pearl Harris as the 2013 "Religion Leadership Award" recipient, and extend best wishes to her and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED on this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama